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## Central Valley Region



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***NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL FOOD PROCESSORS, INCLUDING WINERIES, FAWN RIDGE WINERY, PLACER COUNTY***

Staff has received your \$872 filling fee and has reviewed your 14 June 2004 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Discharge Description

The Discharger owns and operates the Fawnridge Winery at 5560 Fawnridge Road in Auburn, Placer County. The Discharger estimates that between 2 to 5 tons of grapes per year will be crushed, generating approximately 1,200 gallons of winery wastewater. The wastewater will be collected in floor drains located in a 1,500 square foot building and discharged into a 1,500-gallon aboveground holding tank. The wastewater in the tank will be pumped and hauled by a licensed septic hauler for disposal at a licensed treatment facility. The Discharger indicates that less than one ton of solids (i.e. seeds, skins, pomace, etc.) will be generated annually. The grape stems are captured and stored in plastic stock tanks and subsequently used as livestock feed. Pomace is captured in plastic stock tanks, covered, and allowed to dry. Following drying, the pomace is composted and spread evenly over the 1.5 acres of vineyards and 1.5 adjacent land owned by the Discharger. If the solid waste cannot be land applied due to equipment access conditions, the waste will be transported to the Placer County Refuse and Recycling Center. Effluent from the restroom will be separated from the winery wastewater and discharged to an on-site septic system approved by Placer County Environmental Health.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the methods of winery wastewater and

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solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new report of waste discharge. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver or you must cease the discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS  
Executive Officer

Encl: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o encl: Brad Banner, Placer County Environmental Health Department, Auburn